WHAT THEY COULD PIND

er Shown Up by the Investigating Committee

TR DAY'S HANY COMPLINENTS

sity. But Left Pleaty in Sight -A Lot of Interesting and Sug-

Dec. 31.-The long-looked of the investigating commitin the Soper case has become a reernor last evening. While not exactly a whitewash, it is not looked upon as a very weightydocument. But it must be considered that the powers of the investigating committee were limited. There were too many of the ent administration who were in the present administration who were in the ring and when the charges were pre-pared, they, were so fixed that every-body would be let down as easily as possible, the child that being only used possible, the chall that being only used in Soper's case. The report is very lengthy, the testimono, letters, and report itself filling some antly typewritten page. The report which is addressed to the governor, starts off as fellows: "Upon conferring together, we at once concluded that an action could only be advisory to your honor and of service to the public by putting it, through you, in possession of such information as ought to be general in view of the serious charges made and the hasty resignation of the secretary. Hence we have endeavored to make our examination thorough, and venture to other such suggestions as have been pay in judy by our examination."

"we have examined all such records and files within our reach as we were

and files within our reach as we were led to think would throw light upon the matter, and also taken such voluntary statements as were easily access:

Gave Away \$1,073 in Manuale,

Regarding the first charge, that of uting manuals without authority, the committee finds that a total of 704 volumes were thus diegally distrib-704 volumes were thus illegally distributed, valued at a total of \$880. Printing name of recipient in gold leaf, rame with compliments on 592 volumes (as per bili of state printer) 30 cents per volume, \$177.50, also 112 volumes at 15 cents each, \$16.80, makes a grand total of \$1,073.80 for manuals sent out illegally by the ex-secretary. In a few cases, he received pay for these books that should have come to the state. the state.

Fifty sets of Howell's statutes (three in a set) were sent out: and of this the committee says: "We find in regard to this that there are thirty or more letters upon file in the office books of the secretary, showing where he has disposed of these books with his compliments."

The following are samples of there letters, and the public will notice that the dapper secretary had several ways of dealing with the same subject:

All but two volumes of these books were sent out unstamped, and with the property when administrations change that the root of the property when administrations change that honor quicker, or with more designed at his the property when administrations change that honor quicker, or with more designed at his the property when administrations change that honor quicker, or with more designed at his the property when administrations change that there has been no system of inventoring state property when administrations change that there has been no system of inventoring state property when administrations change that there has been no system of inventoring state property when administrations change that the property when administration change the property when a property w compliments of the secretary. It will the borne in mind that the state pays \$3.50 per volume for these books; that they are not to be disposed of at any price, but put in the hands of state officials, and are stamped "state proper-ty." The committee also found that large numbers of public acts and session laws had been sent out and all

with the secretary's compliments.

From statements filed with the report it is found he purchased thousands of dollars worth of supplies without authority, the following being but a

Folding beds at \$90 cach, mattresses at \$15 each, Aximister rugs, towels, tidies, etc., bed spreads, blankets, desks, etc., etc.

From the report, as to the personal prefit connected with the purchase of these supplies, your committee is in possession of only one fact throwing light upon this matter, an answer to a letter from Nelson, Matter & Co., Grand Rapids, as follows:

Soper Sadly Surprised, "NELSON, MATTER & Co., Grand Rap-

ids, Mich. "Gentlemen:-In reply to yours of the 2nd, I cannot understand why there was any misunderstanding regarding the chair, as I mentioned the matter in particular and was about to look elecwhere when I used the rollowing sen where when I used the following sentence, that if you would throw in the chair, hamper and blacking box, that you could fill the bill, ordering the chair and blacking box to be sent to Newaygo and the hamper to Lansing. I also advised Mrs. Soper that she would receive the chair, being complimentary from Nelson, Matter & Co. Imagine my surprise on my return home, when Mrs. Soper handed me the bill and asked what it meant. I said evidently it was an error made by the clerk. Very respectfully,
Danier E. Sopen,

Secretary of State. As to the charge of appropriating money belonging to the state, the com-mittee report they waited on the secre-tary and asked for information on the subject in hand. The secretary re-plied that to a certain extent, perhaps he had been extravagant, but that it he had been extravagant, but that it was simply a case of a man having a large heart and a small pocketbook. He strongly asserted that he had never at any time had one penny of public funds that was not promptly and in the regular manner turned over to the state through the regular channels. Yet the committee find conclusive evidence through letters which are submitted with the report, and compared with the cash book in the office. Numerous sums that were never entered in erous sums that were naver entered on the book or moned into the state treas-

the book or turned into the state treasury in the requise way. Testimony from City Clerk Potter substantiates the above point.

On December 17 the committee talked with the secretary about immediately vacating his office that they might have free access to his files and letters. Daniel was agreeable, but he remained three days and three mights after that.

He retained the keys to the office and the committee eay it is their jurigment he took away during that time 500 letters, and that they are therefore unable to state the amount of money taken from letters coming into the secretary's hands.

Regarding the sixth and secenth formation charges the secretary with negetiating for purchases of supplies

If Chili Prefers an Appeal

and receiving money consideration from the parties so contracting and furnishing the same and that he has, during the said time, attempted to get money as a consideration for the purchase of supplies for the state. We refer you to testimony from a letter from one Lloyd Brezee of Chicago in regard to the purchase of manual paper. The facts are that at this time the firm who had contracted for the making of manual paper for the state had shint down and as the state printer required the paper for the manual, the secretary negotiated with Chicago paper

squeeze in 500 pounds and assured Mr. Soper it would be all right at that end of the line."

The above letter is supposed to be the one the administration held over

Mr. Soper and hastened his resignation.

Margins on Insurance,

Crooked work is also reported in the insuring of the state house block. Soper secured the insurance himself, saying he was an old insurance agent. There

is no positive evidence that he received money in the deal but it looks shady to say the least.

At the September meeting of the board of state auditors, Soper intro-duced a resolution that each member of the board of equalization be allowed

\$200 to cover expenses of their trip to the upper peninsula, which was second-ed by Land Commissioner Schaffer,

auditors be advised to rescind the same. The committee also find that to Mr. Soper was also allowed per diem ex-

penses in many instances when away on business connected with his depart-ment. (Here's reform for you, a dem-ocratic board allowing a democratic

officer per diem expenses, in addition to a stated salary.)

In regard to the salary divy the committee says: "We find that demand was in factinate, but whether in pursuance of any or revious agreement.

since of any previous agreement, ar-rangement or understanding between Howley and Soper or any of their friends, for and in their behalf, the com-

mendation that the evil be immediately

Gov. Winans refused to talk about

the matter this morning beyond that

the report met his approval and the finding of the committee was what he

had expected. He refused to state

whether or not Soper would be prose-

DYNAMITE IN DUBLIN.

Council

An Attempt to Blow Up the Irish Privy

DUBLIN, Dec. 31 .-- The financial of-

fice of Dublin Castle has been wrecked

by an explosion. The disaster is said

to have been caused by dynamite, and

the Fenian party, as usual, is credited

As a fact, nothing definite is known

as to the real cause of the wrecking of the department referred to, though

No one was injured, so far as ascer

tained, by the explosion in the finance department of Dublin Castle. The po-

one are hard at work trying to find out

time of the explosion, which shattered a number of windows and did consid-

Dunnin, Dec. 31 .- The police refuse

of the explosion at Dublin castle today.

One of the castle officers openly de-

clared that the explosion was caused

by dynamite, and the subsequent inves-

igntion does not sustain the theory of

watchmen and police tonight, and the fetective force here and at Scotland

Yard are working on the case. Great

slarm and uneasiness prevails in all

Sherman on the Fletd.

Concuscs, Ohio, Dec. 31.-Senator

John Sherman, with his private secre-

sary, arrived at 7 o'clock this morning,

having left Washington immediately after the celebration of his niece's mar-

riago yesterday afternoon. He re-

the Neil house, and has been closeted

there since then with his managers, Captain J. C. Donaldson and Executive Chairman W. M. Hahn. The senator's presence has aroused enthus asm among his supporters, and conservative, disn-terested politicians declare that Sher-

man has a great reserve force that has not yet been disclosed but which will enable him to come in a casy winner at the end of the contest. Only about one-balf of the republican members-

elect of the legislature are here, but the city is full of claquers for the two sena-tor at candidates. The situation cannot

be said to have changed in the last

Horsewhipped the Lamper.

CLEVELAND, Dre. 21 .- Attorney C. I.

Hotze, a prominent citizen, was horse-

whipped today by Attorney Reilly, a politician, for an alleged insult to the latter's betrothed.

wenty-four hours.

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A SMALL SHOW FOR ARBITRATION

Views of Two Men Who Stand Near th President-Time That the United States Should Demand Her

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- The following statement is contained in a cable which has been received here from Value

the paper for the manual, the secre-tary negotiated with Chicago paper houses for the purchase of this manual paper. His letter from Bresse states that he had been to see Taylor & Co. of Chicago and all the commission he could get for Mr. Soper was \$60 and a desk to be thrown in. He also asked Mr. Soper if he could not make the reams of paper weigh less than they were required to weigh. It would be several pounds less, and if it was short weight it would take an expert to detect it. He would like to squeeze in 500 pounds and assured Mr. Ex-Mayor William R. Grace of New York, has cabled here that the American cabinet entertain a feeling of ange. toward Chilf, with the exception of Secretary Blaine, who alone restraine it from violent measures. Mr. Grace's representative here sent the dispatch to the Moneda of Santiago. A sender to the Moneda of Santiago. A sender dispatch was received from London. The British minister tried to give the Minister of Foreign Affairs Matta arrice on the subject, but his advice was not received in a friendly manner.

The dispatch is in harmony with information to which reference has been everal times made in these dispatches.

everal times made in these dispatches. Ex-Mayor Grace is the American who has the largest business interests of Chili. He was a guest at the reccu banquet given here by Minister Monat at which also was Secretary Blaine. If Chili wants arburation now, it will

be necessary for her to adopt and ratify a treaty providing for the arbitration of all her disputes in feture. On no other condition, and no less con-cession, is it possible that the United States would permit arbitration.

ed by Land Commissioner Schaffer, (the man who has a mortgage on his farm) and put by the presiding officer Mr. Braasted. The records show that the resolution was passed unanimously. Soper put in a bill for the full \$200, the others for lesser sums, "Jack" Strong's being next highest, \$174.25. The committee submitted that the resolution was clearly in opposition States would permit arbitration.

Referring to this subject, General Cogswell said today: "Unless I greatly misjudge the character of President Harrison I fully believe that he is ready, and has been for some time, to present to the Chilian government the ultimatum of the United States. In the resolution was clearly in opposition to any well defined principle of right and justice, and that the board of state

ultimatum of the United States. In that case, unless Great Britain and Germany should bring to bear their influence upon Chili, I believe there would be war.

The Mr. Blaine's political opponents have always endeavored to make it appear that he would represent a jingo policy whenever there was an oppurtunity to do so, and he has been regarded as the aggressive member of the cabinet. In the present contingency this characterization of Mr. Blaine is inaccurate. It is a fact that he has been disposed to a much more moderate policy since his return from Bar ate policy since his return from Bar Harbor than either the president or Secretary Tracy.

mittee state no conclusions, as they find themselves without power to send for persons and papers to conduct such thorough examination under legal safeguards as would entitle their con-Chill Opposes Arbitration, The talk about arbitration does not appear to have a very solid foundation. appear to have a very solid foundation. At the Washington conference Chih was the solitary avowed opponent of arbitration. But for the opposition of the Chilian delegates, direct and indirect, the proposed arbitration treaty would have received the unanimous support of all the American republics. I do not think we ever had a provident more jealous of the honor of the nation, or who, if he thought had not been appeared to the property of the propert clusions to be regarded as final upon the facts found. The committee ap-pend a letter from Phil J. McKema of Esconaba, and the testimony of w.t. nesses that throw no light on the sub-ject beyond what has already been

that honor quicker, or with more de termination. If it comes to this, for he will take no steps unless he is wholly right, I believe that he will submit to congress such a message as will receive the unanimous support of both houses, and will rally the American people as one man for war in defense of the country's bonor. For one, I should not regret this. On the contrary, I should we come it, for it is time we took more interest in foreign affairs, and aroused ourselves before every foreign nation walks all over us as some have been doing in the last fifteen

years. Time to Assert Our Rights.

Great Britain and Germany have been pushing American trade off the east coast of Africa, where once we had a very large and lucrative trade. while our government has good by and neglected all American interest in that direction. They almost wrested from us what little foothold we had in Somoa, and in fact did curtail that somewhat. It is now about time in our own defense, and in the interest of our own foreign trade, that 'e look beyond our border to stand andy at the cause of the explosion. At first it was thought that it was caused by an all seasons to protect our rights abroad, and to enlarge the opportunities of explomen of gas; this, however, has preven not to be the case. All the gas connections have been found to be in good order. A number of workmen were employed about the castle at the these American merchants, who in the spirit of old times and with commenda-ble patriotism seek to carry the American flag into foreign lands. I think a smart little war with Chili would be a good thing, and would open the eyes of our people and of the administration of whatever party to the fact that the policy of the second century of the Re-public, unlike that of the first century, to give any information on the subject must be directed outward, rather than inward. Can any one recall in the last filteen years, except in the Fortine Bay matter, when the strong determination of Mr. Everts accomplished something, that this government has been paid a dollar by the rights of a single American citizen being injured in person or property? It so I can not recall an instance, but I can recall many cases where the property and persons of American estimates have been persons of American estimates have been persons of American estimates the property and persons of American estimates have been persons of the significant the significant reparaa simple gas explosion. It is rumored that it was a deliberately planned plot to plow up the Irish privy council, which was to have met this morning. All the public buildings are guarded by wronged without the slightest reparation.

Jingolem is All Right, The sooner we begin to reform and organize our diplomatic service and to train a corps of men in that rervice, the sooner we shall take that position in this regard which the present day and situation command. In case of war with Chili what a splendid chance he United States would have to take the island of Juan Fernandez for a coaling station. That island is only 300 miles off Valparaiso and if we once took it we should hold it forever against the world."

These vigorous sentiments are cor hally reciprocated by General Horam Porter, one of the accretation of Gen oral Grant. General Porter happens to be here just now and in conversation said: "I scarcely look for war with Chift, though I think a little brush with with an outsider would be a good thing for the United States. Patriotism besomes stagnast by too long an epoch of peace. I tell you, I admire the policy of old England, which protects the property and person of a single citizen, whether in the wilds of Africa, the mountains of Persia, or the plains of America. Jingolam is all right, and we should pray to base a bill more of it in these United States."

Darleg Mail Rabbery.

Vignes, Dec. 51.—It has just come to light that a during robbery of registered letters has taken place in this city.

On Wednesday while a posteffice wagos containing a large amount of registered until matter was being driven from the central postoffice to one of the amburbs, a man dressed in the uniform of the ostal department storped the wagon and informed the driver that he had been instructed to rever the contents of the mail pouch. The driver allowed him to do so and the stranger, opening the pouches, managed to distract the attention of the driver and succeeded in abstracting letters containing money in abstracting lefters containing money to the amount of \$4000. The theft was not discovered until the mail wagon reached the suburban station. There is no clue to the perpetrator of this daring robbery.

DROWNED WHILE SKATING.

Two Young Late Lose Their Lives in Pinster Creek,

While skating on the Godfrey plaster mitle pond, just outside the city limits, on the Grandville road, yesterday morning, two boys were drowned and a third narrowly escaped.

With their skates on their lock ton lade, Willie McDonald, Walter Dolan, Lewis Dolan, Ed. More, John Mc-Uarthy, Geo. Wilson, Geo. Lang, James Cunningham, John Lawler and Geo. Smith, went merrily in the direction of the pond. Arriving at the place there was the usual hustle to have the iron runners clamped to the feet. After skating around a little while Willie Mo-leyald proposed that all play "follow runners clamped to the feet. After skating around a little while Willie McDonald proposed that all play "follow the leader." Various maneuvers were er cuted, and at last young McDonald, who was more venturesome than his companions, skated rapidly across a strip of thin ice which bent under his weight. More seemed willing to follow, and he started to repeat the experiment. When in the center the ice suddenly gave way, and the daving youth sunk beneath the water. Walter Dolan immediately rushed to his assistance. With one hand upon the friend he was in the act of resount, he, too, was submerged. Lewis Dolan attempted to save his brother. The ice under him cracked, and three of the juvenile pleasure party were floundering in the water. Ed. More bravely came to the front, and after a serious struggle managed to help Lewis Dolan, and the other two hung onto the edge of the ics, but before succor was at hand were forced to let go, and sank beneath the surface of the water. The police were notified, and Officer Jakeway managed to fish the todies of the unfortunates out. Coroner Penwarden was summoned, and ordered the bodies taken to O'Brien's undertaking rooms. The Dolan boy resided with his parents'at No. 480 South Ionia street, and McDonald hved at No. 277 Seventh avenue. Seventh avenue.

WELCOMED WITH JOY.

Daisy Elks Do Honor to the New Year, Elks' hall was a scene of joyons festivity last evening for there were gathered the members of Daisy lodge and their favored friends to the num-ber of three hundred. No secret orper of three hundred. No secret or-ganization in existence is as famous for its hospitality as is this benevolent and protective order, and last evening wit-nessed its crowning effort in this di-rection. The half was brilliantly illi-mus of with gas and electric lights and on a diss at the oppur end at his screen highness, John E. Kulean, chairman of the evening. Se taries James B. McInnes and C. W. Chauncey and Treasurer Fred Striver were "there by his side," and they were busy as bees all the evening. The charman kept the numerous committees flying about attending to the wants of those at the tables and well did they perform their duses. The following were the chief committees: General Executive Committee-An

drew P. Shafer, chairman; Fred J. Adams, secretary; D. H. McCarthy, treasurer; Warren Swetland, Henry E.

Refreshments-H. E. Doren, chair-man; John E. Killean and Frank Bon-Entertainment - D. H. McCarthy, chairman; A. Douglas and J. B. Mc

Printing and Hall-Fred J. Adams, chairman; Chas. H. Kelly and H. G. Meyerl. Finance -Warren Swetland, chair-

man; Ben S. White and J. E. Taylor. These were supplemented by other committees who attended to the vari-

ous means of refreshment.

The decorations of the hall were, superb. In front of the chairman's deak was a circular table covered with wavaround the edge was a circle of incan-descent lamps covered with fairy lamp shades. In the center rose a lofty dome of pink glass, lighted from the in-terior with a cluster of incandescent lights of various colors and a fountain of fresh water played maide the dome. The chandeliers and the pillars were twined with heavy sprays of smilax and the tables were ornamented with great branching palms. A splendid orchestra at the lower end of the hall filled the air with music and vocal quartets filled in the time between the toast with the melody of their voices. Messrs. Rice, Ward and the Heinzleman brothers were marked favorites. Ex-alted ruler William Connor delivered an interesting address and Congressman Beiknap discoursed of the old and the new year in pleasing blank verse. The old year was laid away with lecoming soleunity when the hands pointed to 12 o'clock and the new year was wel-comed with rousing cheers. A large number of Elks from other cities were present at the meeting.

To Insure Safaty. New York, Dec. 31,-A block signal system will be introduced Monday by he Long Island ratiway between Long island city and Jamaica.

Confessed His Crime, Rostox, Dec. 31.-Thomas Goodwin of Roxbury was held today on the charge of manslanghter. Last evening he gave himself up to the police saying that he had nurdered his wife. The officers visited his house and found the woman's dead body on the bed. An autopsy will be held.

Victim of the Wreck Povonserras, N. Y., Dec. St.-Editor John F. hagnalt, of the Poughkeepse Evening Star, who was injured in ngs, Christmas eve., died at 4t. John's hospital at 2:28 p. m.

Three Miners Mitted, WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 31. His now sarned that John E. Davis, Moses R.

Cecilia Club

RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE CLUB

Brief Skotch of the Ladies Who Mave Made it the Leading Husical Orcantration of the State-Their Grand Ball Tonight.

Clubs for musical culture are not so iumerous as clubs for literary study, and so when the ides of a ladies' musical club was suggested and the suggestion took root in October 1883 there were a few wiseacres who knew it would not live. These croakers are silenced now. They are forced to admit the existence of a ladies' musical club in this city and to admire the unprecedented success of the St. Cecilia ociety. It began with seven members. It now numbers over four hundred members -active, student and associ-

The regular meet nas of the society are held on each alternate Friday afternoon from October to June. At each meeting a program is presented, at times miscellaneous selections, and again limited to the productions of some eminent composer. A wide range of topics is studied. Every year four artists' recitate of a high order of ment are given. Only members may enjoy

The society will soon erect a fine building upon the lot adjoining the Ladies' Literary club house. It will have a sesting capacity of one thousand persons, with rooms suitable for re-hearsals, studies and dancing. The officers for this year are as fol-



MRS. EDWIN E. UHL.

dent, Mrs. M. J. Smiley; recording secretary, Mrs. Edward Watson; corresponding secretary. Mrs. Andrew Fyfe; treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Tinkham.
Directors—Mrs. E. F. Uhl, Mrs. Edward Watson, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Mrs. H. G. Post, Mrs. Andrew Fyie, Mrs. M. J. Smiley, Mrs. E. W. Tinkham, Mrs. E. H. Carpenter, Mrs. C. H. Carpenter, Mrs. M. Bernlart, Miss Neille Young. disa Nellie Young.

Printing Committee-Mrs. Frank M. Davis, Mrs. I. W. Barnhart. Room Committee-Mrs. Andrew Fyfe,

Mrs. H. C. Brigham, Miss Anna Ward. Auditing Committee-Mrs. E. Watson, Mrs. G. E. Raymond.

Librarian-Mrs. C. B. Kelsey. All the members have worked in unity for the grand success of the so-ciety. The president, Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl, whose portrait appears in this column, has been untiring in ner ef-forts to place the St. Cecilia society upon a firm financial foundation, and the possibility of the new building is largely due to her zeal and business capacity. Mrs. Uhl is a thorough musician and perfectly understands harmony and counterpoint. She reads music at sight as readily as the trained elecutionist reads the printed page and is undoubtedly the finest accompanist in the state. Her studies were pursued entirely under Michigan tutors, she baving received her musical education in Ypelianti and Detroit. Another effective worker for the St. Cecilia is Mrs.

Le Grand Peirce, the first president. Some years ago Mrs. Le Grand Peirce conceived the idea of forming a wo-man's musical club. She consulted Mrs. Frank M. Davis and other friends and received so much encouragement that the first meeting was held almost immedia ely at the residence of Mrs. Davis. The attendance was not large, only seven or eight ladies being present, but all were imbued with the enthusinitial meeting foretoid future success. Mrs. Peirce is a beautiful woman and she is musical to her heart's core. She



inherited her talent from her mother, who possessed a wonderful alto voice and who sang for years in churches in Rochester. N. Y., and Covington, Ky. While a young gril Mrs. Petrce devoted herself to the study of the piano, and in a performer of rare ability. One of her early teachers was Mrs. Legina Watson, and she afterward studied with a publi of Taneig. She became inter-exted in music when Professor Zielinski rated in music when Professor Zeelnski tang it music in this city a dozen vears ago or more, and one of the best efforts of her his was during the presentation of Mignon, when ane sang in the title role and carried off the honors even with Morowski, recognized as a professional, in the caste. She has sang in many local entertainments and the effectiveness of her voice which is a merco soprano of sweet quality. She has been a faithful worker in the ad-

ists of this city ewe much of their success to her kindly crisicism and caconregement. She is bread and liberal
in her views, and is entirely free from
the small jealousies which sometimes
come to the surface in the life of the
musician. Mrs. Petroe has done much
in an unselfish, untring way for the St.
Cecim acciety and has never spared
herself when the interests of the orgainstion were at stake. For three
years she was its president and in her
first annual report she gave on imagnary skelen of what the society would
be in ten years from that time.
Strange as it may seem she stated that
the club would then own its nuscial
temple—a happy prediction which is
about to be verified. Mrs. Petroe is deyoung herself, outlierly to the cultimavoting herself onlinely to the cultima-tion of her voice and feels that she is accomplishing much for her own good.



She will not the heard until a year or two has elapsed, and then her friends and the public may expect to hear an

Mrs. Andrew Fyle is one of the most interested members of the society. Mrs. Fyle comes from a minical family. Poth her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Fyfe comes from a ransical family. Both her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Snoth, are musicans, and both saar in various churches until recently. Her brother, Geo. A. Smith, has always made music his profession, and he fraveled for years with the Abbott opera troupe. Wm. Aiden Snuth, another brother, and a sister, Miss Blossom Smith, also sing, and the four formed a pleasant family quartette while at home. Mrs. Fyfe's voice is a pure metzo soprano of a wonderful range, comprising nearly three octavos. It is of a sympathetic quality, and her favorite music comprises ballads, accred music and concert numbers. Mrs. Fyfe studied for some time with Mrs. Neill, after which she entered upon a course of instruction with Mmo. Hall of Boston. She has always taken an active part in local musical entertainments and festivals, has sing much in concerts in this and other cities, has always been successful and well received. She sang in the Universalist church seven years, in St. Andrew's two years, and at Westminster two years. Her busband is also well known in musical circles and his deep and musical bass voice is greatly admired. Mrs. Eyfe is corresponding secretary of the St. Cecilia and has always been activate the nusical work of the cilius.

Every one knows Mrs. Frank M.

Every one knows Mrs. Frank M. Davis, the sweet singer of sweet songs, whose lovely mezzo soprano voice has harmed every auditor. identified with the St. Certifia society since its inception, before in fact, for the first meeting was held at her house by invitation of herself and Mrs. Pierce.



Mrs. Andrew tyrn.

Mrs. Davis is eastern born and bred and of German depent, a fact of which she is very proud. A strong and tender attachment existed between Mrs. Davis and her father, whose death seddened her heart last spring. Mrs. Davis has always sung. She icarned unce with her taby voice and was always the one to be called upon at school entertainments and exhibitions in later years. While a young lady she studied with Mrs. J. H. Long, Geo. L. Osgood and various other teachers in Boston, and afterward with Rivarde and Agramonte in New York City. Boston, and afterward with Rivarde and Agramonte in New York City. She taught voice culture in Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Ia., and also rang in church there. She was married there, coming to this city afterward and was well received from the first time her lips opened before a Grand Rapids audience. She has always been a favorite whenever she has appeared whether in concert or opera. She has been engaged by various churches throughout the city and is at present first soprano in St. Mark's church. Mrs. Davis will leave about January 19 for Europe in company with Miss Lucy Uhl and Miss Marguerite Hall of Boston. She will enter upon a six months crurse of vocal study with one of the celebrated teachers of London.

In addition to these ladies there are many others deserving of especial mention. Mrs. M. J. Smiley, the vice-president, while not actively associated with the numberal portion of the society, has always worked effectively for the good of the club. She understands music thoroughly, having studied in her pithood at Portsmouth, N. H., and afterward at Roston. Since coming to this city she has given up anging in public, codesquently when she sang at Kermiss several years ago, the number was a surprise to her friends, who knew her to be well versed in other lines, but knew nothing of her merits as a singer. She was warmly greeted and repeatedly encouded. Then there is Mrs. Etta Yale, who presence the and Agramonte in New York City.

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